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## ECOS President Spells Out STAND Vision for Coming Year

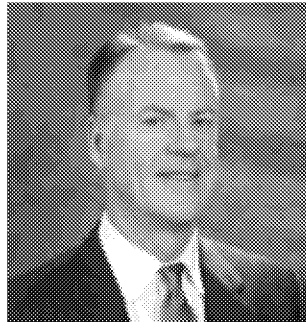


Becky Keogh

In an October 5 [letter](#) to ECOS members, recently elected President Becky Keogh of Arkansas lays out an ambitious agenda for 2018-19 to be known as [State and National Dialogue](#), or STAND. Calling on the association to use its “newly cemented seat at the table” to not sit but stand, she envisions states going beyond having their voices heard to putting into practice shared decision-making, problem-solving, and programmatic development.

Keogh notes that through STAND, ECOS “will strive to operationalize cooperative federalism 2.0 and new strategic partnerships, increase emphasis on technology as a driver for transformation, and showcase improved environmental outcomes.” [Parisien]

## **General Counsel Succeeds Ehm at Helm of Iowa DNR's Environmental Division**



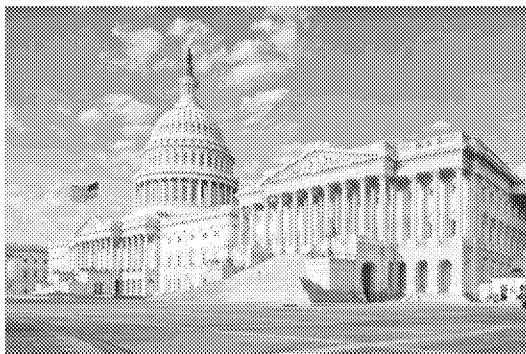
Ed Tormey

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has announced the selection of Ed Tormey to serve as Acting Administrator for the Environmental Services Division. He succeeds newly retired Bill Ehm in the post.

Since 2004, Tormey has been the agency's General Counsel. He previously practiced environmental law in Ohio, having served as Legal Services Bureau Chief for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and in the private sector.

He is a graduate of the University of Iowa School of Law and a member of the American College of Environmental Lawyers. [Parisien]

## **Senate Passes Water Resources Infrastructure Bill**



This week, the U.S. Senate approved bipartisan, comprehensive water resources infrastructure legislation that includes the Water Resources Development Act of 2018 (WRDA 2018). The legislation now travels to the White House for the President's signature.

The *America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018* (S. 3021) grew out of negotiations among House and Senate committees with jurisdiction over various water resources and energy infrastructure issues. Title I of S. 3021 is WRDA 2018, which authorizes locally driven infrastructure improvements to water transportation and infrastructure to be carried out by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Additional provisions address stormwater, wastewater, and drinking water infrastructure and hydropower development.

Click [here](#) for more information. [Parisien/Piper]

## **U.S. EPA Briefs State Associations on WOTUS, 404, and 401**

This week, U.S. EPA briefed ECOS and other state associations on developments surrounding Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) and Clean Water Act Sections 404 and Section 401.

EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers are reviewing the approximately 75,000 comments received on the supplemental WOTUS proposal and expect to issue a proposed redefinition of WOTUS before the end of the year.

On CWA Section 404, EPA plans to issue a proposed rule to clarify assumption requirements by next fall, with a final rule expected in 2020. The agency will reach out to states, tribes, and other stakeholders this fall to gather input prior to issuance of the proposed rule. In addition, EPA is considering whether the 401 certification process would benefit from a rulemaking and has begun reaching out to states and associations for feedback.

To receive more information or provide input on any of these issues, please reach out to [Layne Piper](#) of ECOS. [Swanson]



## **State News You Can Use**

[Colorado Recognizes Businesses and Organizations Going Beyond Compliance](#)

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[Delaware Holds Public Hearing on Proposed ACE Rule](#)

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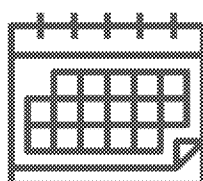
**Need-to-Know News in Air**

## **U.S. EPA Appoints Georgia, Texas, and Utah Members to CASAC**

On October 10, U.S. EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced the appointment of five new members of the chartered Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee. The panel now includes state representatives from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

This panel will provide advice related to National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and is also tasked with leading review of the science for any necessary changes to the NAAQS for ozone or particulate matter. As outlined in the May 2018 Back-to-Basics Process for Reviewing NAAQS memorandum, these changes would be finalized by late 2020. [Poole]

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Webinars & Trainings**

#### **ITRC on PFAS**

The Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) invites your participation in its PFAS Training on one of the following dates:

- **November 4** in Sacramento, California

- **January 10, 2019** in Atlanta, Georgia [Olonoff]

## **U.S. EPA on Water Reuse**

U.S. EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) will host its monthly tools and resources webinar on **October 17 at 3-4 p.m. Eastern**. Given increasing pressures on water resources, many communities are developing centralized systems for planned water reuse. ORD is working with the National Blue Ribbon Commission for Onsite Non-Potable Water Systems (ONWS), a coalition of state and local groups established to advance best management practices to support the use of ONWSs. This webinar will highlight the key issues limiting adoption of these ONWSs, and will summarize the work to date and ongoing collaboration.

To register for the webinar, see [here](#). [Longworth]

## **U.S. EPA on Harmonizing Recycling Programs**

Why are some materials accepted in one community but not in another? What materials belong in curbside recycling? The Recycling Partnership has worked with the City of Milwaukee and the surrounding Waukesha County to develop harmonized recycling communication tools. This effort demonstrated that when regional recycling efforts are coordinated and complementary, program participants are less confused and less likely to throw something in the bin that does not belong there. Eliminating contamination from the bin is critical in today's recycling markets.

Join U.S. EPA's Sustainable Materials Management Web Academy Webinar on **October 18 at 1-2:30 p.m. Eastern** to learn how these Wisconsin communities partnered with state environmental officials and others to create tools and coordinate recycling efforts.

To register, see [here](#). [Longworth]

## **ITRC on Remediation Management of Complex Sites**

The Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) will hold an online training course on Remediation Management of Complex Sites on **October 23 at 1-3:15 p.m. Eastern**.

At some sites, complex site-specific conditions make it difficult to fully remediate

environmental contamination. This training course and [associated guidance document](#) provides a recommended holistic process for management of challenging sites, termed “adaptive site management.” After attending this training, participants will be able to: identify and integrate technical and nontechnical challenges into a holistic approach to remediation; develop a long-term performance-based action plan; apply well-demonstrated techniques for effective stakeholder engagement; and access additional resources, tools, and case studies most relevant for complex sites.

Learn more and register [here](#). [Olonoff]

## **ECOS and U.S. EPA on Compliance Research for Effective Government**

ECOS and U.S. EPA are hosting a new webinar series entitled *Compliance Research for Effective Government*. The series will help state and EPA program administrators understand how collaboration with academics can identify effective and measurable approaches to compliance. The first webinar featured the Ohio Signage at Outfalls Study with presenters Brian Hall of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and Dr. Jay Shimshack of the University of Virginia. The future webinar schedule is:

- **October 23, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern: Two Uses of Data Analytics:** one to predict air quality and inform the public and the other to improve compliance. Daniel Dix, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and Christina Seybolt, University of Chicago.
- **November 8, 1-2 p.m. Eastern: Compliance Interventions on the Behaviors of Third Party Lead Contractors.** Andrew Gosden, Maryland Department of the Environment, and Dr. Ben Meiselman, Johns Hopkins University.
- **November 29, 2-3 p.m. Eastern: Compliance Assurance Toolbox.** David Hindin, Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, U.S. EPA, and Sam Sankar, ECOS.
- **December 11, 1-2 p.m. Eastern: New Hampshire Hazardous Waste Generator Training Program.** Tim Prospert, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and Dr. Sarah Strafford, College of William and Mary.

Please register for the webinars [here](#). For more information, please contact Sonia Altieri of ECOS. [Altieri]

## **ECOS Shale Gas Caucus on Novel Air Leak Detection**

## Approaches

The ECOS Shale Gas Caucus (SGC) will host a webinar on **October 24 at 2-3 p.m. Eastern** on novel leak detection approaches for methane and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The session aims to stimulate dialogue on the potential value of novel detection for super-emitters, given innovation in continuous and aerial monitoring.

Moderated by SGC Co-Chairs Martha Rudolph of Colorado and Dave Glatt of North Dakota, the webinar will feature speakers with the Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council, EDF+Business, and other organizations.

An agenda and call information will be distributed to SGC members. Please contact [Lia Parisien](#) of ECOS for additional information. [Parisien]

## ITRC on Issues and Options in Human Health Risk Assessment

The Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) will hold an online training course on Issues and Options in Human Health Risk Assessment on **October 25 at 1-3:15 p.m. Eastern**.

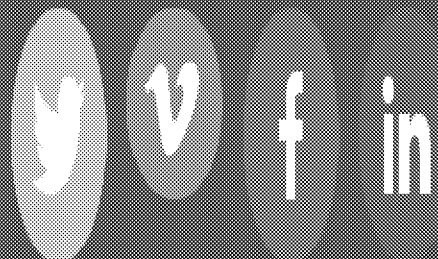
Regulatory project managers and decision-makers may not have specific guidance when alternative approaches, scenarios, and parameters are proposed for site-specific risk assessments, and are faced with difficult technical issues when evaluating these site-specific risk assessments. This training course and [associated guidance document](#) are resources for evaluating alternatives.

Learn more and register [here](#). [Olonoff]

## U.S. EPA on Water Quality Standards

The U.S. EPA Water Quality Standards Academy provides technology transfer and implementation information to WQS professionals associated with the federal, state, tribal, and local agencies as well as the private sector. It will hold a winter session in the Washington, DC area on **December 10-14**. Registration closes on **October 18**, or when capacity is reached.

Please [click here](#) to register. [Piper]



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